



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 464

Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

H.R. 464 would establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in New York as a unit of the National Park System. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire by donation, purchase, or exchange the Kate Mullany house and any additional real and personal property needed for park purposes. The NPS would be authorized to execute cooperative agreements with public and private entities interested in the preservation, interpretation, and use of the site. The agency would have two years to complete a general management plan for the new historic site, which would include recommendations for related regional exhibits.

The costs of implementing H.R. 464 are uncertain because the bill does not designate an official boundary for the new historic site. Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the cost of acquiring and developing real and personal property for the site would be about \$5 million. We expect that most of this amount would be used to renovate the Kate Mullany house (which is currently used as an apartment building) and develop it for visitor use. We estimate that once the site has been restored (which could take several years) the cost of operating it would be between \$500,000 and \$750,000 a year (also assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts). Enacting H.R. 464 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 464 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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